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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN REPRESENTATION AT THE IATTC AND

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON THE CONSERVATION OF YELLOWFIN

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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED ON NOVEMBER 11 THAT
ECUADOR WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING DELEGATION
TO THE IATTC AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON THE
CONSERVATION OF YELLOWFIN:

RETIRED NAVY CAPTAIN WILSON ARROYO BOADA, DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF FISHING.

DR. MARIO COBO DENENO, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL FISHING
INSTITUTE.

ORLANDO GABELA, ECUADOREAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

LT. LUIS ORLANDO NAVARRETE YEPEZ, ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE,
ECUADOREAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. CAPTAIN WILSON ARROYO BOADA RETIRED IN JUNE 1972 AND
BECAME DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FISHING IN JULY 1973. IN
1955 HE STUDIED FOR 17 WEEKS AT NEWPORT R.I. IN 1962 HE
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WAS THE SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE ECUADOREAN NAVAL ACADEMY.

HE ATTENDED THE GENERAL STAFF COURSE OF THE ECUADOREAN NAVAL ACADEMY IN 1964 AND IN 1966 BECAME CHIEF OF THE II DEPARTMENT (INTELLIGENCE) OF THE NAVY. IN 1967 HE WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN AND IN 1968 WENT TO THE GENERAL STAFF. IN JULY 1971 HE WAS SENT TO LIMA AS ECUADOREAN NAVAL ATTACHE FROM WHICH POSITION HE RETIRED. HIS OFFICE IS IN GUAYAQUIL AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECUADOREAN FISHING REGULATIONS. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, CAPTAIN ARROYO IS NOT AN INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN THE FORMATION OF ECUADOREAN FISHERIES POLICY. ACCORDING TO HIS SUPERIOR, NAVY COMMANDER RODRIGO RIVADENEIRA, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FISHERIES OF THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CAPTAIN ARROYO WILL ATTEND THE IATTC MEETINGS AS THE OBSERVER OF ECUADOR.

3. DR. COGO IS A SCIENTIST AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL FISHING INSTITUTE WHICH IS ALSO LOCATED IN GUAYAQUIL. THE NATIONAL FISHING INSTITUTE IS PRIMARILY INVOLVED IN RESEARCH AND OTHER EFFORTS TO ASSIST TECHNICALLY THE ECUADOREAN FISHING INDUSTRY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT DR. COBO HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FORMATION OF GOE FISHERIES POLICY. ACCORDING TO COMMANDER RIVADENEIRA, COBO WILL BE THE ECUADOREAN OBSERVER AT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON THE CONSERVATION OF YELLOWFIN.

4. GIVEN THE LEVEL OF THE ECUADOREAN DELEGATION TO THESE TWO MEETINGS, WE DOUBT THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF OUR FISHING DISPUTE WITH ECUADOR WITH THEM AND EXPECT THEM TO OFFER SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE ECUADOREAN DELEGATION CAME AWAY FROM WASHINGTON WITH THE IDEA THAT WE BOTH HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN TUNA CONSERVATION AND THAT THE GOE CAN BENEFIT FROM THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION WITH US ON FISHERIES MATTERS.

5. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPT OFFICERS DISCUSSED WITH DR. COBO THE BASIS FOR THE GOE'S ESTIMATE THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CATCH 80,000 TONS OF TUNA ANNUALLY WITHIN THE 200 MILE ZONE. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS FIGURE CAME FROM THE FISHING INSTITUTE. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE MAY NOT BE THAT MUCH TUNA IN THOSE WATERS, AND IF THAT BE TRUE THEN THE ESTIMATES UPON WHICH THEY ARE BASING THEIR PROPOSED FISHING COMPLEX MAY BE WRONG.

6. SOME PERSONAL ATTENTION TO CAPTAIN ARROYO WOULD BE

USEFUL SINCE HE IS INVOLVED IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE
FISHERIES LAW, AND WE EXPECT THE SEASON TO START SOON.
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